

Senate Resolution 238

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th, Hawkins of the 49th, Pearson of the 51st, Hudgens of the 47th, Murphy of the 27th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, with its recent acquisition of Gold Kist, Inc., the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
3 now ranks as the leading poultry company in Georgia and the United States, with
4 approximately 56,500 employees and 7,300 independent contract growers; and

5 WHEREAS, Pilgrim's Pride continues its long tradition of supplying nutritious, high quality
6 food products to retailers, restaurants, and distributors, selling thousands of different products
7 throughout the United States and more than 70 countries world-wide and producing more
8 than 9 billion pounds of poultry and 44 million dozens of table eggs per year; and

9 WHEREAS, the company is noted as a leading innovator of the food industry, producing
10 such developments as the world's first boneless whole chicken in 1984; EggsPlus, a high
11 vitamin alternative to the ordinary egg, in 1997; and the industry's first line of products to
12 receive the American Heart Association's "heart-check mark" seal of approval; and

13 WHEREAS, Pilgrim's Pride has earned numerous awards for quality and customer service,
14 including the Distinguished Supplier Award from Darden Restaurants, Inc., the Outstanding
15 Vendor of the Year Award from Zaxby's, and was named one of the "Most Admired
16 Companies in America" by *Fortune* for four consecutive years and one of the "Best Managed
17 Companies in America" by *Forbes* in 2006; and

18 WHEREAS, Georgia is the company's largest state for chicken production and processing,
19 with broiler growers and hatching egg producers in 53 Georgia counties.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 recognize Pilgrim's Pride Corporation for its significant contribution to the economy of
22 Georgia and commend its continued dedication to nutrition, customer service, and the
23 improvement of the poultry industry.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation.